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## PHILADELPHIA,

*Extracts of letters from a Gentleman of character in* St. Pierre, *June* 30, 1779.

THE Engliſh, confiding in their ſuperiority of naval ſtrength in theſe ſeas, left their iſlands altogether in a defenceleſs ſtate, with few troops and without artillery, and with no other dependence for their ſecurity than the favourable impreſſion which they imagined the idea of this ſuperiority muſt occaſion in the minds of their enemies. Their head quarters were fixed at St. Lucia, where all their land and naval force was collected, which, being in the neighbourhood of Martinique, from whence all hoſtile expeditions uſually originate, they believed was a conſideration ſufficient in itſelf to controul all the movements of the French troops, and awe them into inactivity.

"This plan of defence was originally well concerted, although it was ſubject to the ſame infirmities that every human ſyſtem is liable to: Advantages might even be taken of it when ſtrictly adhered to, but if the Commander in Chief once deviated from it, the iſlands committed to his care would be expoſed to the moſt imminent danger. This reflection gathers additional ſtrength from looking back on the recent operations of the two armies.

"Admiral Byron having two grand objects in view, the one to favour and falicitate the departure of a very large fleet of merchantmen, the other to intercept a convoy of tranſports deſtined for the French iſlands, very imprudently left St. Lucia with all the ſhips under his command, to effect ſuch important ſervice; he accompained the fleet out of the road of danger, and there fixed his cruiſing ground to the windward of this iſland, in the track of falling in with the French convoy, which happily arrived here the 26th inſtant, by which fortunate circumſtance Monſieur D'Eſtaing has obtained an acceſſion of naval ſtrength, conſiſting of five ſhips of the line and four frigates, under the command of Monſieur de la Mothe Picquet, beſides 45 tranſports with 2000 additional troops.

"Immediately as it was known that Admiral Byron had left St. Lucia, advantage was taken of the opportunity that preſented of attacking the iſland of St. Vincents; three ſhips of war, an armed brig, with ſome tranſports, ſailed from Port Royal bay the evening of the 10th inſtant. The next day a violent gale of wind ſeparated the tranſports; but the commander of this expedition, notwithſtanding that he was deprived of a great part of his force, ſtill perſevered, and made a deſcent on the iſland the 16th inſtant, with about 250 troops.

"This unexpected invaſion, with the dread of the Caraibs, occaſioned ſuch tumult and diſorder, that the Governour immediately ſigned a capitulation, and ſurrendered the iſland to the crown of France. The Caraibs greatly favoured the operations of the French forces by their early declaration for them; and it is from their future powerful efforts, ſeconded by an implacable reſentment againſt the Engliſh, that the greateſt dependance may be placed on retaining poſſeſſion of this iſland. The ſituation of this people is critical; for if the Engliſh were again to become poſſeſſed of St. Vincents, they would be expoſed to the moſt cruel perſecution, the conſideration of which will greatly animate them to the moſt daring exertions of bravery for its defence."

"*June* 28. Count D'Eſtaing ſeems determined to ſeize every opportunity that offers to take advantage of the critical ſtate of the Engliſh poſſeſſions. The whole fleet, conſiſting of 25 ſhips of the line, and 11 frigates, have this day ſailed on an expedition againſt the iſland of Grenada, the capture of which, from its defenceleſs ſituation, there is no reaſon to doubt of."

"*July* 2. Admiral Byron being informed of the capture of St. Vincents, on his arrival on the evening of the 30th ult. at St. Lucia, ſailed yeſterday morning with 18 ſhips of the line, 3 frigates, and 2000 troops, in order to retake it. He was then entirely ignorant of the expedition againſt Grenada. As he is not acquainted with the additional force that Count D'Eſtaing has received, he will probably ſail in queſt of him, as ſoon as he finds Grenada attacked; in which caſe, I am confident, from the ſpirit and ardour of the French troops, that he will meet with a warm reception. The 2000 troops that are gone on the expedition againſt St. Vincents, had all their baggage embarked on board the tranſports, and were deſtined for North America.

"By the plan of the military operations of the Britiſh forces for the enſuing campaign, it ſeems as if they were intent on collecting all their force to act againſt the Americans; and as it appears they neglect in a great meaſure the defence of their iſlands, I have no doubt their intentions are (when they are forced to withdraw their troops from the continent) to attack the French iſlands in the Weſt Indies."

"*July* 12. No news of importance has come to hand ſince I did myſelf the honour of laſt writing to you. I therein mentioned that Admiral Byron had taken his departure from St. Lucia, with a formidable fleet and army, in order to retake St. Vincents; being then ignorant of Count D'Eſtaing's expedition againſt Grenada, he appeared before the former iſland, made a parade of his forces, and ſummoned it to ſurrender: But on receiving a deputation of the principal Engliſh inhabitants; informing him of the determined reſolution of the Caraibs, to carry deſtruction through the whole country, if an hoſtile attack ſhould be made on it, and beſeeching him to withdraw his forces and leave them to their deſtiny; and moreover being made acquainted with the critical ſituation of Grenada, he abandoned his enterpriſe, and immediately bent his courſe towards that iſland.

"As the French fleet had the ſtart of him four days, I imagine, from the defenceleſs ſtate of the iſland, it muſt have capitulated, before the arrival of any ſuccour.

"The Britiſh troops are all embarked on board of tranſports, which muſt be a great incumbrance and embarraſſment to the fleet in an engagment as they will all be expoſed to capture, from the ſuperiour number of frigates, which attend the fleet of Count D'Eſtaing."

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*To the writer of an anonymous letter in the* Baltimore *Advertiſer of the 29th of* June 1779, *and which has ſince been republiſhed in the* Virginia *Gazette the 17th of* July.

SIR,

AS you have endeavoured ſecretly to aſſaſſinate my character, while abſent, and in the ſervice of my country; I take this opportunity of declaring, that if you (being a perſon worthy of notice) ſhall think proper to indulge the publick with your name and place of abode, I ſhall then conceive it my duty to animadvert on your ſcurrilous letter; but it cannot be expected by men of reaſon and ſound judgment, that I ſhould deſcend to the pitifulneſs of diſputing with an obſcure partizan, and deſperate ſcribbler, when they recollect that few characters have eſcaped the tongue of malicious envy; and learn that, from the commencement of hoſtilities, I have been almoſt conſtant in the army, and at all times, invariably have endeavoured to ſerve my country. Nor did I know, till after my arrival in this ſtate, that my patriotiſm had ever been called in queſtion. I am, therefore, the more at a loſs to know what you can mean Sir, by ſaying —— *I fled from Virginia to avoid the vengeance of my countrymen.* If you have poetically put yourſelf for *my countrymen*, and mean by this dark expreſſion, that *I fled to avoid your vengeance*, you are moſt egregiouſly miſtaken. I am ready and willing, at any moment (though labouring under a violent rheumatiſm which I caught in camp) to meet you either at the tribunal of juſtice, the bar of the publick, or at —— if you pleaſe. For being conſcious of my innocence, and thoroughly perſuaded of the good intentions of my countrymen, to whoſe judgment I cheerfully ſubmit the deciſion of my cauſe, I not only diſpiſe your calumny, but bid defiance to all the machinations of my inſidious foes.

I am &c.

HEZ. FORD.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt* 22, 1779.

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*To be* SOLD *for ready money before Mr.* Smith's *door in* Fredericksburg, *on the firſt* Monday *in* September *next*,

BETWEEN 1000 and 1200 acres of good land. The land lies about ten miles from *Falmouth*, on *Potowmack* run; alſo ſeveral valuable unimproved lots in the town of *Falmouth*.

(1) CHARLES CARTER.

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*To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, the laſt* Thurſday *in* September, *if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day*,

A TENEMENT in the town of *Manchester*, with two good dwelling-houſes on it, one not quite finiſhed, a kitchen, dairy, garden, *&c.* One half of the purchaſe money to be paid when the deeds are acknowledged, and twelve months credit for the other part, when bond with good ſecurity will be required. (1‖) ROBERT GORDON.

☞ I ſhall reſerve ten feet ſquare in one corner of the garden.

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HANOVER town, *Auguſt* 18, 1779.

TO be ſold by the ſubſcriber, the well known ordinary called *Cartwright's* (containing by eſtimation 600 acres) ſituated on the main road that leads from *Williamſburg* to *Richmond*, *Page's* warehouſes, *Fredericksburg*, *&c.* Its ſituation for a tavern is equal to any road tavern in *Virginia*. That land is good for corn, wheat, or tobacco, and well timbered, there is a very neceſſary houſe for tavern keeping, the ordinary being large and commodious, with land cleared to work ſix hands to advantage. Whoever purchaſes the above, may have liberty to ſow fall grain; if this place is not ſold by the firſt day of *October* (when poſſeſſion may be had) it will be rented for one or more years. For terms apply to me at *Hanover* town. (1f) RICHARD BURNLEY.

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*To be SOLD on the premiſes for ready money or loan office certificates, on* Wedneſday *the 15th of* September *next*,

THE tract of land whereon I now live, containing 707 acres, lying in *Orange* county on the ſouth weſt mountains, about ſix miles above the courthouſe; alſo the crop of corn ſtanding in the fields, the fodder, and ſtocks of horſes, cattle, ſheep, and hogs, the houſehold and kitchen furniture. (2‖) RICHARD BARBOUR.

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A NEW SCHOONER will be expoſed to ſale at *Hampton*, the 10th of *September* next, with all her rigging, new ſails, *&c.* burthen about eighty hogſheads of tobacco.

(2‖) JOSEPH TASSY.

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MANCHESTER, *Auguſt* 17, 1779.

ALL perſons indebted to the eſtate of *Betty Todd*, late of *Manchester*, deceaſed, are requeſted to make immediate payment; and all thoſe that have any demands againſt the ſaid eſtate, to bring in their accounts properly atteſted, before the firſt day of *October* next, as I then intend to cloſe the accounts.

(1‖) WILLIAM MACKENZIE, Executor.

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AUGUST 16, 1779.

A PURSE RACE at *Manchester*, on the laſt *Thurſday* of *September* next, free for any horſe, mare, or gelding, running 2 mile heats, agreeable to the rules of racing. (2‖)

## BOSTON, JULY 29.

BY ſeveral veſſels arrived at Martinique, which left Marſeilles the 25th of May, advice was received, that 14 ſail of the line, and a great number of frigates, zebecks, &c. were at Cadiz, ready to put to ſea, 12 of the line at Ferrol, and 11 of the ſame force at Corunna. It is added by letters, as well as the report of the maſters, that Mr. Marain, commander of the Burgoyne, of 74 guns, had taken in the ſtraights of Gibraltar, the Montreal, an Engliſh frigate of 36 guns; and that the Victoire, of 74 guns, had purſued the Thetis, another Britiſh frigate of 36 guns, which, to avoid the Victiore, had taken her courſe through Seromibaire, where ſhe muſt inevitably be loſt, as ſhe took this route in a very ſtormy night.

We hear that Lord Cornwallis came over to America in the Greyhound frigate, to ſupercede Clinton as Commander in Chief, whoſe reputation has greatly ſunk in the eſtimation of his employers.

Monday laſt arrived here a brig, bound from Tortola to New York, with 156 puncheons of rum and ſome fruit. She was navigated with 8 hands, three of which were Americans, the Mate being one; the Captain alſo was an American. Theſe three agreed to confine the Captain, and bring the veſſel to this port. They executed their purpoſe with caution and intrepidity: They ſeized the Captain in his cabin at night, confined him and three others of the crew, a fourth ſtanding neuter: They have brought the veſſel and cargo ſafe to port, and made their fortunes.

We hear the Hibernia, a privateer ſchooner from Newbury-Port, has taken 5 prizes ſince ſhe left that port, three of which are in a ſafe harbour.

Tueſday laſt arrived here a French frigate of 32 guns from France, in which came paſſengers His Excellency the Chevalier de la Luſerne, Plenipotentiary from His Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty to the United States, with his Secretary, &c. as alſo the Honourable John Adams, Eſq; late a commiſſioner from theſe ſtates to the Court of France. His Excellency and ſuit landed on General Hancock's wharf, about 5 o'clock the ſame afternoon, where they were received by a Committee from the Honourable Council of this ſtate, who were waiting with carriages for their reception; they were conducted to the houſe, late the reſidence of the continental General. He was ſaluted by a diſcharge of thirteen cannon, on his landing, from the fortreſs on Fort-hill, and every other mark of reſpect ſhewn him, which circumſtances would admit.

Saturday laſt arrived here the prize ſhip Tartar, mounting 26 carriage guns, beſides cohorns and ſwivels, and had 130 hands; taken by the Mifflin, of 20 guns, Captain Babcock, of this port, and only 100 hands. She was fitted out of Ireland for the purpoſe of taking an American frigate, and ſhe happened to catch a *Tartar*. The Tartar had her Captain and 22 hands killed beſides ſome wounded: The Mifflin had 2 men killed. The Mifflin had alſo taken 4 other prizes, one of which we hear has ſince been retaken and carried into Newport. When the Tartar left the Mifflin, ſhe was chaſed by a 40 gun ſhip and two frigates, but as ſhe ſailed very faſt, it is thought ſhe got clear. The Tartar on her voyage hither, took a brig laden with about 2500 quintals of fiſh, which ſhe parted with 5 days before her arrival here, and may be hourly expected.

Captain —— in a merchant ſhip, and Captain Young in a brig, who came out under convoy of the le Senſible, a day or two ago, very narrowly eſcaped being taken by a Britiſh ſhip, under cover of a fog. Both theſe veſſels arrived ſafe yeſterday.

It may be depended on that the Breſt fleet ſailed on the 3d of June, for the coaſt of Spain, and that the Britiſh fleet could not be in a condition to put to ſea till three weeks at leaſt after the departure of the former. All Europe was waiting the iſſue of ſuch formidable armaments, and it was expected ſome important blow would ſoon be ſtruck.

It demonſtrates the great ſtrength and natural reſources of France, that her navy has ſo ſoon recovered from the diſaſters it met with the laſt war, and is already able to face in the channel, or upon the ocean, the maritime power of a nation that has ſo proudly boaſted itſelf to be Sovereign of the ocean. A French fleet putting to ſea ſo long before a Britiſh one of equal force could be got ready to oppoſe it, engages the attention of Europe, demonſtrates the weakneſs of Britain, and muſt be not a little humiliating to her.

From the haughty manner in which Britain has conducted towards other maritime powers, from the oppreſſion with which ſhe firſt loaded America, and then the ſavage barbarity with which ſhe has carried on this war, the nations of Europe regard with a ſecret ſatisfaction the power of her rivals, and the manifeſt ſymptoms of her own feebleneſs and decay.

The Courts of France and Spain, by the laſt accounts from Europe, are as firmly united as ever, and there is the utmoſt confidence between them. The French carry on their armaments, and make their exertions with a ſurpriſing alacrity and ſpirit; and Britain may ſoon repent that ſhe has not more ſeaſonable, and in earneſt, employed the proper means for a general pacification.

The Marquis Fayette, we hear, continues to expreſs upon all occaſions, the higheſt affection for America, in the ſervice of which he ſo greatly diſtinguiſhed himſelf. He is now employed in an important command among the troops of France, near the Britiſh coaſt.

## HARTFORD, AUGUST 3.

*Extract of a letter from an officer of diſtinction at* Bennington, *dated* July 18.

ON Tueſday the 13th inſtant Major Wright Hopkins, who then commanded that poſt, ſent a ſcout commanded by Lieutenant Michael Dunning, down the lake to the north end thereof, to reconnoitre the lake and woods adjacent, and (if poſſible) to make any diſcoveries of the enemy, and report to the commanding officer. The next day Major Hopkins, ſeveral of his officers and ſoldiers, with ſome Ladies, ſet ſail (for their pleaſure) in a boat, with a view to meet the ſcout, and return with them to the garriſon. The Major met with the ſcout a little north of the Fourteen mile iſland, ſo called, and on his return found the wind ſtrong a head, and night nearly approaching, which occaſioned them to land on the iſland, draw up their boats, and turning one of them over, made a convenient ſhelter for the whole to ſleep under, which the Major thought he might ſafely do with his party, as the ſcout had made no diſcoveries of any enemy. In this ſecure condition they were ſurpriſed at break of day while aſleep, and fired on by a detachment of the enemy, conſiſting of a number of Indians and Tories. In this fire the Major, a ſerjeant, a corporal, three privates and two women were killed. Capt. Gideon Brownſon, Captain Smith, Lieutenant Michael Dunning (who commanded the ſcout) a ſerjeant, three privates, and a little boy were taken priſoners; wounded and left on the iſland, one private, who was ſcalped, and left for dead; a Mr. Scott, who had both thighs broke, and a little boy ſhot through his leg. Neither pleaſure boat nor ſcout returning, a party was ſent on Friday in queſt of them, and on Saturday morning found the dead and wounded on the iſland, the latter they brought off."

## PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 11.

*Extract of a letter from* St. Pierre (*Martinique*) *dated* July 20, 1779.

I HAVE already mentioned the capture of St. Vincents, which has been followed by that of Grenada and Tobago, two very important poſſeſſions of our enemy.

"Admiral Byron, with 21 ſhips of the line, and 3000 troops under the command of General Grant, ſailed from St Lucia to relieve them; an engagement between the two fleets enſued, in which the Engliſh were beat, routed and diſperſed, and ſtole off under the friendly protection of the night, and arrived one after the other at St. Kitts in the moſt ſhattered condition.

"Count D'Eſtaing remained maſter of the field of battle, ready to renew the combat in the morning of the ſucceeding day, but to his great ſurpriſe found the enemy had diſappeared.

"From the advantage which Admiral Byron had of being to windward, Count D'Eſtaing could not bring but half of his fleet to action.

"After having garriſoned Grenada with 1500 troops, he immediately took his departure on an expedition againſt St. Kitts; but as Admiral Byron, with the tranſports containing 3000 troops, are at that iſland, he will perhaps change his deſtination and attack ſome other of the Engliſh poſſeſſions."

*Extract of a letter from* Jamaica Plains, *near* Boſton, *dated Auguſt* 4.

"We received advice yeſterday of the ſignal ſucceſs of our little fleet and army at Penobſcot, who as we are informed took every man of the enemy there, two frigates, two ſloops of war &c. Mowat, who burned Falmouth, commanded the enemy's fleet, and finding he could not ſave it, ſunk part of it, but it is thought they may be raiſed. He is a priſoner.—A veſſel from Marblehead, which arrived to-day, brings the ſame account; ſo that it is univerſally credited, notwithſtanding the Council have not officially received it."

*Extract of a letter from a general officer to his friend in this city, dated camp, in the* Highlands, *Auguſt* 7, 1779.

"A party of 100 horſe, part continental and part militia, under the command of Colonel White, aſſiſted by 50 infantry of Glover's brigade, engaged 300 of the enemy's horſe and 200 infantry, at New Rochelle, the day before yeſterday; in which we repulſed the enemy ſeveral times, and made good our retreat with the loſs of one killed, one wounded and one miſſing. We took eight horſes with their accoutrements, &c. and killed fifteen of the enemy."

*Extract of a letter from* Sunbury, *dated Auguſt* 5, 1779.

"It is with ſincere pleaſure that I inform you, that the martial ſpirit is not yet extinct on the frontiers of Pennſylvania. The attack made by M'Donald laſt week in this county was an alarming one, as the ultimate object appeared to be the magazine at Sunbury, and the cutting off the communication with General Sullivan. The danger had a proper effect on the frontier inhabitants of Lancaſter, Cumberland and York counties. As it was evident that an order from the Council, would be too ſlow in its effect for the ſuccour of Sunbury; volunteers to march immediately to Northumberland county, was the only expedient that could be thought of. Near 50 of Colonel Elder's battalion, with Colonel Smith, marched without loſs of time up the Suſquehannah, and arrived in Sunbury on Monday evening, every hour ſince has brought us freſh acceſſion of numbers. We were near 500 ſtrong this morning, and the whole marched under command of Col. Smith (of the Council) for Muncy, determined if the enemy remain in theſe parts, to ſeek them out."

## WILLIAMSBURG, AUGUST 28.

*Extract of a letter from a Gentleman at* St. Euſtatia, *who was in* St. Kitt's, *when the Engliſh fleet arrived.*

I CANNOT here give you ſo full an account of the engagement off Grenada as I could with, for want of time. The iſland of Grenada was, I think, taken on Monday the 12th; their loſs was trivial, as was that of the French. The next day (the 13th) Mr. Byron appeared with 21 ſail of the line, expecting to find only 13 of the Count's. Admiral Barrington began the action and behaved with uncommon bravery, receiving the fire of ſix or ſeven ſail of the line for ſome minutes; the others were following as they could, till a ſignal for a line a head was thrown out; this kept ſome of the fleet from engaging at all; thoſe that did were very roughly handled. The appearance of the fleet coming to anchor was ſhocking; their hulls and rigging tore to pieces. The Prince of Wales had 74 ſhot in the larboard ſide; the others not much better. The loſs of killed and wounded is little ſhort of 1000 men. A few days after the fleet came into St. Kitts, and the 22d the Count appeared off the harbour, and the 23d came ſo cloſe that I watched for ſome minutes expecting the ſhips to fire on him. After inſulting them in this manner he hove in ſtays and ſtood to the S. E. Since which we have ſeen nothing of him: It is ſuppoſed he is gone to Antigua; if ſo, he will ſettle the affairs of their iſlands. There are at that place ſhips, ſtores to the amount of 2000001. ſterling, and the fleet cannot, ſhort of Jamaica, find a mart except there: They are in the moſt ſhattered condition you can ſuppoſe. I ſaw every ſhip of the Count's, and could not obſerve any that were damaged to ſpeak of. Things look very well in this quarter, and I doubt not but they do ſo with you."

*Extract of another letter from* St. Euſtatia, *dated July* 25.

"I have not time to tell you more than that war was declared at Porto Rico againſt England on the 15th inſtant. It is not generally known here, but you may depend on it."

WILLIAMSBURG, *August* 25, 1779.

TO be sold betwixt this and the 27th of *September*, at private sale; the houses and lots where the subscriber lives, formerly belonging to Colonel *Cheswell*, it is very well calculated for a tavern as there is every necessary requisite, with a very good pasture joining. Also will be sold for ready money, on *Wednesday* the 22d of *September*, a variety of household and kitchen furniture, consisting of beds, bedding, mohogany chairs, tables, and chest of draws, handsome looking-glasses, *Queen's* china plates and dishes, ivory handled knives and forks, and an easy chair. Likewise two-riding chairs and harness, two carts with harness for four horses, three very good milch cows, three good chair horses, two mare colts, one about 3 years old, the other 16 months, a negro woman, who is an exceeding good washer and ironer; likewise will be sold a chest of cabinet makers and house joiners tools, with a quantity of very fine broad one, two, and three inch mohogany plank, which has been cut this five years, a parcel of shingles, pine and oak plank and scantling, nails of different sizes, window glass 8 by 10, and many other articles.—*** All persons indebted to the subscriber are desired to settle their accounts by the last of *September*; and those who have accounts are desired to apply for payment. I likewise give notice to *John Stoney* and *Joseph Doody*, who have each a bond of mine, to send or bring them in, or any one that has got them, as I am ready to settle them, and as I offered the money above 12 months ago. I do not look upon myself liable for any interest after this date; the reason I call upon these people on this publick manner is that I intend leaving this state in *October* next.

BENJAMIN BUCKTROUT.

☞ If the house is not sold by the time mentioned, it will be rented by the last of *September*, for which bond and security will be required by

B. B.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *August* 28, 1779.

I INTEND to remove from this state shortly.

EDWARD CHARLTON.

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FOR SALE,

A pair of very likely young bay

GELDINGS.

For terms inquire of the Printers.

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WAR OFFICE *(Williamsburg) August* 20, 1779.

THE recruits, so soon as obtained from the counties as below, under the act of Assembly passed the last session, entitled *An act concerning officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines*. Also the new levies raised under another act passed the same session, intitled *An act for raising a body of troops for the defence of the commonwealth*, are to rendezvous at the respective places hereby pointed out, viz. From the counties of *Accomack* and *Northampton*, at *Bridge* town, *Amelia*, *Prince Edward*, *Powhatan*, *Charlotte*, *Mecklenburg*, *Lunenburg*, *Brunswick*, *Dinwiddie*, and *Chesterfield*, at *Petersburg*; *Prince George*, *Surry*, *Southampton*, *Sussex*, *Isle of Wight*, *Nansemond*, *Norfolk*, and *Princess Anne*, at *Smithfield*; *Caroline*, *Hanover*, *King* and *Queen*, and *King William*, at *New Castle*; *New Kent*, *Charles City*, *James City*, *York*, *Warwick*, *Elizabeth City*, and *Gloucester*, at *Williamsburg*; *Essex*, *Middlesex*, *King George*, *Lancaster*, *Spotsylvania*, *Stafford*, *Richmond*, and *Westmoreland*, at *Urbanna*. A field officer will attend the places of rendezvous for the purpose of reviewing and receiving the men enlisted under the last mentioned act of Assembly, and a commissary will receive orders for their proper accommodations.

*By order of the Board*,

JAMES INNES, *President*.

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GOOCHLAND courthouse, *July* 1, 1779.

MADE his escape from this jail, a negro man named DICK, of a large size, about 40 years old, and said he belonged to *John Eubanks* of *Augusta*, and that he was sold by Mr. *John Ault*, in or near *Newcastle (Hanover* county) and while in jail had the venereal disorder, which run to such a length as to make him raw on the externals of his privy parts. TWENTY DOLLARS will be given to any person who delivers the said slave to me, or secures him so that I get him.

(2‡) WILLIAM GEORGE.

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STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber at *Albemarle* barracks, about the first of *July*, a dark bay horse, about 5 feet high, 6 or 7 years old, branded on the near buttock, L D, which is somewhat dull, he has been rode very much this summer which has caused several saddle spots on his back, he has also a hanging mane and switch tail, and I believe a star in his forehead. Whoever will bring or contrive the said horse to the assistant deputy quarter master, or at the General's quarters at the above mention'd barracks, shall receive 50 dollars reward, and 100 on conviction of the thief, and all reasonable expences paid by

(2‖) JOHN TIMBERLAKE.

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TAKEN up, in *Chesterfield* county, near *Gaul's* bridge, a sorrel mare, with a blaze face, appears to be old, docked, no brand perceivable, paces and trots very rough. Also a dark bay horse, 4 years old next spring, 4 feet 7 inches high, his near hind foot white, neither docked nor branded. The mare is appraised to 18l. and the horse to 20ol.

(1‖) WILLIAM THWEATT.

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TAKEN up in the town of *Manchester*, *Chesterfield* county, a dark bay mare, about 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, a hanging mane and switch tail, her left hind foot white as high as the footlock, has had a fistula, and a small nick in her left ear, a small white streak on her neck, occasioned by a rope, no brand perceivable. Posted, and appraised to 45l. (‖) MOSES TREDWAY.

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TAKEN up at my plantation in *York* county, a brown mare, about 13½ hands high, branded on the near buttock F I. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take her away.

SEYMOUR POWELL.

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WAR OFFICE *(Philadelphia) July* 26, 1779.

WHEREAS the Board have received information from Col. *Bland*, commanding at the convention barracks, near *Charlottesville* in *Virginia*, that considerable desertions have taken place among the troops of the convention, many of whom leave the post with an intent to rejoin the enemy; all officers in the service of the United States are therefore directed to be vigilant in detecting and apprehending deserters from those troops. The civil officers in the respective states where such deserters may be found, are earnestly requested to give their assistance in securing them; and the well affected inhabitants will do essential service to their country, by taking into custody all *British* deserters travelling from the southward, and delivering them to the next Commissary of prisoners, or committing them to the nearest jail. A practice of administering the state oath of allegiance to deserters from the convention troops, and then supplying them with passes, has heretofore been too prevalent, and productive of very pernicious consequences, by affording them a safe and easy method of escaping to places in the possession of the *British* army. Those magistrates and other officers of justice, who have been induced to receive such oaths, and grant passes in consequence thereof, are earnestly called upon to discontinue a practice so injurious to the states: And as those passes have been obtained merely with a design to facilitate their escape to the enemy, the soldiers possessed of them are notwithstanding to be secured, and treated as deserters. They are generally clad in short coarse linen coats or coatees, and linen overalls; and carry their regimental coats in knapsacks. The troops under the convention of *Saratoga* consist of the 9th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 47th, and 62d regiments, a detachment of the 33d regiment, Lord *Balcarres's* corps, and the royal artillery, *British*; and of the *Brunswick* dragoons, regiments of *Reidesel*, *Barner*, *Klotz*, *Specht*, *Hesse Hanau*, *Hessian* artillery and battalion of grenadiers, *German*. The regiments and corps are particularized, as the numbers and devices on the buttons of many of their uniforms may tend to discover the desertion of the owners. *By order of the Board*,

P. SCULL, *Secretary*.

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OSBORNES, *August* 10, 1779.

I WILL give a generous price for a fast sailing BOAT, well fitted and found for the sea, to carry 70 or 80 hogsheads.----I have for sale BROWN SUGAR of a very good quality, by the barrel.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, Junior.

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FOR SALE,

LYING in the fork of *Beaverdam* in *Hanover* county, seven miles from *Newcastle*, and about ten from *Richmond*, a tract of land containing about 700 acres, of which (by computation) between 50 or 60 are exceeding fine meadow ground; about ten of it has been reclaimed. The plantation is under very good fences and in good order for cropping, this land abounds with a large quantity of fine pine and oak timber and is good for tobacco, or any kind of small grain; there is a very good dwellinghouse with two rooms, a kitchen of the same size, and all other necessary outhouses. The land will be shewn and terms known by Capt. *Thomas Richardson*, living near the place, or the subscriber at *Green Spring*, near *Williamsburg*. (tf) JOHN ELLIS.

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*On* Tuesday *the* 2d *of* September *next, will be offered for sale, to the best bidder, at the* Falls Plantation *in* Chesterfield,

A NUMBER of blooded MARES, COLTS, and FILLIES, from one to five years old. At the same time may be purchased, the two noted stud horses REGULUS and RANTER; also AGAMEMNON, a fine bay, got by *Apollo*, near 16 hands high, and will be fit for service next spring. Twelve months credit may be had for one half the purchase money, on bond with security to

(2†) WILLIAM BLACK.

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NORTH CAROLINA, *(Perquimans county) July* 22, 1779.

THIS day came to the subscriber in this county, a small negro man named JIM, about 5 feet 5 inches high, formerly belonging to the subscriber, since sold by Mr. *Thomas Humphreys* to some person in *Virginia*, he says he belongs to Mr. *Thomas Ross* near *Portsmouth*. This is to desire the owner to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

BENJAMIN HARVEY.

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THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

LOST or stolen from the subscriber in *Blandford*, on *Tuesday* the 20th of *July*, a red *Morocco* POCKETBOOK, containing a loan office receipt to me for 196 dollars, dated the 6th of *April*, 1779, about 61 pounds in cash, and a note for a hogshead of tobacco passed in my name at *Davis's*, No 1818, 790lb. neat. Whoever delivers the said pocketbook and contents to the subscriber in *Amelia*, or to Col. *William Call* in *Petersburg*, shall receive the above reward, or FIFTY POUNDS (if stolen) on conviction of the thief.

(2§) ABRAHAM HATCHELL.

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*For* SALE *and possession given on* January *next*,

ONE thousand acres of land in the county of *Dinwiddie*, lying on *Saponey* creek, 23 miles from *Petersburg*, in a good neighbourhood and fine range for stocks of all kind, on this tract are every necessary building in good repair fit for the reception of a family, the land is good for wheat, corn, and tobacco, it is a pretty farm and under fine fences, the situation is very healthy, and a fine spring and springhouse. It may be bought for cash, loan office certificates, or long credit. For farther particulars inquire of the subscriber near *Petersburg*.

(‖) WILLIAM CLAIBORNE.

☞ Sixty or seventy bushels of wheat will be put in the ground this fall. W C.

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JUST imported from *France*, and to be sold by the subscriber in *Alexandria*, the following goods, viz. Broadcloths, white linens, muslins, plain, white, and muslin handkerchiefs, cravats, white and printed calicoes, chintzes, silk stockings, *India* handkerchiefs, mens hats, shoes and pumps, cotton and wool cards, penknives, scissors, needles, and metal buttons, white and coloured thread, hyson and bohea tea, and *French* brandy. (3) JOHN MILLS.

AMELIA, *Auguſt 7*, 1779.

THE ſubſcriber intends to leave this ſtate.

JOHN BATTON.

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*For* SALE, *and may be entered on at* CHRISTMAS,

MY plantation in the lower end of *Brunſwick* county, containing 385 acres of land, whereon is a good dwellinghouſe, with two rooms on a floor, and all neceſſary out houſes, with a good peach and apple orchard. The land lies on both ſides the *Three* creeks, and is good for tobacco, wheat, or corn. A more particular deſcription is needleſs, as I preſume no perſon would chooſe to purchaſe without viewing the place. The terms may be known of me, on the premiſes.

(2) SAMUEL MAJOR, Jun.

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*At a Court of Admiralty, held at the capitol in the city of* Williamſburg, *the 17th day of* Auguſt, 1779.

ORDERED, that proclamation be made in the *Virginia* gazette for three weeks ſucceſſively, requiring all perſons having any right or claim to the ſeveral ſlaves herein after mentioned, to come into court and make good the ſame, otherwiſe the court will proceed to decree the money ariſing from the ſales thereof as the law directs. *John*, a negro man ſlave, who ſays he belongs to *John Rice* of *Carolina*, captured on board he ſloop *Mairmaid* by the *Dean* and *Boſton*, two continental frigates; alſo to *James* a negro man, who ſays he belongs to *Iſaac Auſtin* of *New York*, and *Jacob*, who ſays he belongs to *Thomas Smith* of the iſland of *Bermudas*, captured on board the brig *Enterprize*, by the ſaid frigates *Dean* and *Boſton*. And alſo to a negro man ſlave, who calls himſelf *Jack Robinſon*, and will not give information to whom he belongs, but from the teſtimony of part of the crew on board at the time of his capture, it appears he is the property of ſome perſon in *Virginia*; the ſaid laſt mentioned ſlave was captured on board the ſloop *Biſhop* by the ſhip *General Waſhington*. *(A Copy)*

WILLIAM RUSSELL. Clerk.

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TO BE SOLD,

EIGHT hundred acres of good tobacco and grain land, the whole uncleared, lying on *Terrible* creek, in the county of *Halifax*, about 12 miles from *Roanoke* river. The terms will be made known to any perſon inclined to purchaſe, by Mr. *Edmund Winſton* in *Bedford*, or Miſs *Elizabeth Fontaine* in *Hanover* county, who are authorized to ſell the ſaid land, as executors to the laſt will and teſtament of Col. *Peter Fontaine*, deceaſed. (tf)

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FOR SALE,

EIGHTEEN hundred acres of land, in the upper end of *Brunſwick* county, joining the lands of Captain *Jones* and *Allen Love*, with the preſent crop of corn and tobacco; likewiſe the ſtock of horſes, cattle, and hogs. I will likewiſe ſell at the ſame time, 24 likely negroes, now on the ſaid land, with a number of blooded mares and about 10 hogſheads of tobacco of the laſt years crop, not inſpected. The plantation *&c.* may be ſeen by applying to the overſeer, and the terms known by

(tf) EDWARD TRAVIS.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt 16*, 1779.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *July 30*, 1779.

I ONCE more beg the favour of thoſe who have accounts long ſtanding on my books, and took no notice of my former adverti ſement, to make immediate payment, otherwiſe I ſhall put them to ſome trouble; and hint to ſome that may think they are out of my reach.

JAMES NICHOLS.

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THE ſubſcriber has in his poſſeſſion a ſmall pale ſorrel horſe, appears to be young and pretty high blooded, has three white feet and a blaze in his face, and when taken up, had a ſhoe on the near fore foot, is neither docked nor branded; the ſaid horſe was ſtolen from a man on his way to *Cheſterfield*, who deſired me to get him for him and ſend him to *Hampton* to a Gentleman there, but I have forgot his name. I ſhould be much obliged to the Gentleman or owner of the horſe to come and fetch him away, or ſend word what he would take for him as I would gladly become a purchaſer. (tf) WILLIAM COLE, Jun.

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WAR OFFICE *(Williamſburg) Auguſt* 10, 1779.

THE officers of Major *Nelſon*'s corps of light dragoons, at preſent on the recruiting ſervice, who have recruited any part or the whole of their reſpective quotas, are hereby required immediately to march their men to this city. *By order of the Board of War*,

JAMES INNES, *Preſident*.

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AUDITORS OFFICE, *Auguſt 4*, 1779.

WHEREAS divers ſheriffs, county court clerks, and inſpectors, ſome of them for ſeveral years have failed to ſettle with and pay to the Treaſurer of this commonwealth, the taxes received by them, a liſt of the ſeveral perſons ſo in arrear has lately been returned into the Auditors Office. The Auditors of Publick Accounts purſuant to the act of Aſſembly, do hereby call upon and require the ſaid debtors, to render their accounts without delay, and on failing ſo to do, their names will be publiſhed in this paper, and the Attorney General be inſtructed to move for judgment againſt them. (6)

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FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

FOR apprehending the robber, and the recovery of a new hair trunk, taken out of my room at the houſe of Mr. *Lockley*, laſt night, containing the following articles, viz. Thirty ſix new ſhirts, 20 of them *Eaſt India* muſlin, and 16 of holland, all ruffled, 20 muſlin handkerchiefs, 12 white linen ditto, 6 cambrick ditto, 20 pair of white ſilk embroidered ſtockings, 13 pair of black ditto, 7 pair of gray ditto, 24 cambrick and lawn ſtocks, 18 nightcaps of fine holland, 6 muſlin ditto, 6 cravats of cambrick, and 12 pair of ſocks; moſt of the above articles marked T. F. Whoever ſecures any part of the above articles, ſhall receive a reward proportionate. DE FRANCY.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt 10*, 1779.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *June 15*, 1779.

I WILL give great wages for GUN STOCKERS, and BLACKSMITHS, that are good workmen.

(tf) JAMES ANDERSON.

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FOR ST. *EUSTATIA*,

THE ſhip ROYAL EXCHANGE, *Samuel Willis* maſter, burthen about 300 hogſheads, well known as a remarkable fine ſailer, mounting 16 carriage guns, will take in on the cuſtomary freight, 150 hogſheads of tobacco, which is to be the whole of her loading, it not being intended to put her in more than a good ballaſt trim. Any perſon inclinable to ſhip, will pleaſe to give us immediate notice, and engage to ſend their tobacco to *Edenton* or *South Quay* by the 10th of *September*, otherwiſe a different cargo will be provided, as the ſhip will poſſitively ſail on or before the 1ſt of *October*.

(tf) SAVAGE & WESTMORE.

EDENTON, *Auguſt 4*, 1779.

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FOR SALE,

BROWN ſugar of the firſt quality, by the hogſhead or barrel. I will purchaſe bills of exchange payable in any part of *Europe* or the *Weſt Indies*, any perſon having claims in *England* or elſe where, and cannot aſcertain the ſum due, or have doubts of payment being made, I will buy their bills conditionally to receive no damages if proteſted.

(tf) SAMUEL BEALL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July 17*, 1779

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FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in the county of *Bedford*, containing by patent 4124 acres, lying on both ſides of *Seneca* creek. This land is well timbered and watered, and commands a reaſonable proportion of low grounds. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may know the terms on application to the ſubſcriber in *Williamſburg*, any time between this and the firſt of *November* next, as the ſale will not be made concluſive before. A reaſonable time of credit may be had for the whole, or any part of the purchaſe money, on bond and approved ſecurity to

(4) ARCHIBALD BLAIR.

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FOR SALE,

LYING on both ſides of *Licking* run, in the county of *Fauquier*, 30 miles from *Fredericksburg*, and about 26 from *Dumfries*, a tract of land containing 2360 acres, of which (by computation) between 3 and 400 are low grounds; there are 160,000 corn and as many tobacco hills now in crop, beſides fields of ſmall grain, and for paſture; ſo that 20 hands may be put on the plantations to advantage. Twenty five acres of the low grounds are in timothy and clover; this land is well adapted to all kinds of crops which the climate will admit of. There are 5 good tobacco houſes, and (one indifferent one) a dwelling houſe, with 4 rooms; an overſeer's houſe, negro quarters, near 80000 bricks burnt, and a conſiderable quantity of timber in place for carrying on a tolerable large building. The land will be ſhewn by *William Morgan*, living on the premiſes, and terms known by applying to

(tf) HUGH NELSON.

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DINWIDDIE, *ſſc.*

THE court have reſolved to proceed to the trial of all cauſes on the docket at the next *Auguſt* court; all perſons that have ſuits depending are deſired to appear, or their ſuits will be diſmiſſed.

(2‖) JOHN NICHOLAS, Clerk.

JULY 21, 1779.

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FREDERICKSBURG, *Auguſt* 10, 1779.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *December* laſt, a middle ſized negro boy named DICK, about 17 years old, flat footed, and a large ſcar on the top of his head, had been inoculated for the ſmall pox a month or two before, the ſcar when he went off was very plain in his arm, but little other appearance of the diſorder remaining. I have reaſon to believe he was enticed away by one *Simon Sackett* a waggoner, who lived near *Bland's* ford in *Prince William* county, and who ſet off with his waggon, the day after the boy diſappeared, bound as he gave out, for *Carolina*, but as he came from the *Jerſey*'s to *Virginia*, he may have directed his courſe that way. *Sackett* is a luſty man, above 6 feet high, between 25 and 30 years of age, of a ſwarthy complexion, brown hair, and a down look. Whoever delivers the above mentioned negro boy to me in *Fredericksburg*, or to my overſeer *William Munday*, near *Bland's* ford in *Prince William* county, ſhall be paid ONE HUNDRED POUNDS reward, and if ſtolen, upon conviction of the thief, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS. LEWIS WILLIS.

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RUN away from my plantation in *Dinwiddie* county, about the 20th of *June* laſt, a likely negro man named TOM, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, of a light complexion, thick lips, a little bow-legged, and has a large ſcar on the right ſide of his head, with one of his lower fore teeth out, by trade a blackſmith, is very ſenſible, and fond of whiſtling, which he performs in a peculiar manner with his tongue. Whoever will deliver the ſaid ſlave to me at *Batterſea* near *Peterſburg*, ſhall receive a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, or more in proportion to their trouble.

(tf) JOHN BANISTER.

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TAKEN up, on *Flat* creek, in *Mecklenburg*, a red and white ſteer, about 4 or 5 years old, marked with a crop and two ſlits in the right, and a crop and hole in the left ear. Appraiſed to 18l.

(2‖) LABAN WRIGHT.

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TAKEN up, in *Mecklenburg*, on the head of *Dockery* creek, a ſmall dark gray mare, about 7 years old, 4 feet high, 4 white feet, blaze face with a black ſpot between her eyes, the near ſide of her under jaw part white, long hanging mane on the near ſide, and ſprig tail. Appraiſed to 12l. (2‖) RICHARD CROWDER.